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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified patent application. A one-month extension of time is submitted herewith:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 18-20, 24-26, 35, 42-46 and 62.

1. (new) Implement for a pocket tool displaceable out of a stowed position inside a housing area of a housing body into an operating position outside of said housing area of said housing body, comprising:

- (a) a housing case with oppositely lying side walls having
 - (1) side faces extending substantially parallel and spaced apart from each other,
 - (2) slim faces extending between said side walls,
- (b) at least one lighting means arranged on a first slim face of said housing case and emitting a beam outwardly from said housing body and

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Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 49 is new and unobvious over the prior art. The underlying objective of claim 49 is to propose a displaceable implement for a pocket tool comprising a displaceable implement with a lighting means which is made to the smallest possible dimensions.

Again, the most relevant prior art reference to claim 49 is U.S. Patent No. 5,626,414 to Chen.

Chen describes a displaceable implement with a lighting means but does not disclose an electronic circuit and/or an energy storage device and/or at least one power consumer and/or a switch mechanism electrically connected to the lighting means by line connections and arranged separately from the implement. Therefore, the implement cannot be made to the smallest possible dimensions.

In order to provide a displaceable implement made to the smallest dimension, it is necessary to arrange at least some of the above mentioned devices separately from the implement, as described in claim 49.

The multi-purpose equipment described by Gardiner et al. comprises among other things a lighting means which is located on a housing body of the multi-purpose equipment and a preferably removable module which can contain an electronic device. The lighting means is powered by a 3 volt dry cell battery, which is removably secured to a battery housing located in a cavity of the multi-purpose equipment. Gardiner does not describe a displaceable implement with a lighting means connected by line connections and separate from the lighting means.

Not one of the other cited and disclosed prior art patents disclose a pocket tool with a displaceable implement having a lighting means which is electrically connected by line connections to a device externally to the implement.